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SUBJECT: CCD: INTERVIEW WITH SYG WALDHEIM

1. SYG WALDHEIM, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN GENEVA FOR ECOSOC MEETING, INVITED AMB MARTIN (US CCD REP) TO MEET WITH HIM JULY 5 FOR GENERAL BRIEFING ON CCD SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF MOSCOW SUMMIT. DRAWING ON POINTS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE IN PRESS BACKGROUNDS, AMB MARTIN WENT OVER THE SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE ARMS CONTROL ACCORDS REACHED AT THE SUMMIT. WALDHEIM MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THESE BUT HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE REFERENCE IN THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE TO A POSSIBLE U.S. -SOVIET INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AT THE CCD. WALDHEIM CITED THE LACK OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE CCD'S DELIBERATIONS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND SAID THE CCD WOULD BE HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO CRITICISM AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR IF IT ONCE AGAIN HAD NOTHING TO SHOW FOR ITS TIME AND EFFORTS.

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2. WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE CCD WAS IDEALLY SUITED AS A FORUM FOR THE ELABORATION OF ANY JOINT US-USSR CW INITIATIVE THAT MIGHT EVENTUATE AS A RESULT OF THE SUMMIT. HE SAID THE RECOGNIZED THE ATTRACTIONS AND ADVANTAGES THAT MIGHT BE INHERENT IN A BLILATERAL APPROACH TO CERTAIN ISSUED BUT THAT AT THE SAME TIME IT SEEMED A SOUND IDEA TO HAVE A KIND OF DIVISION OF LABOR BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL APPROACHES TO DEALING WITH PROBLEMS' LIKE CW, THAT HAD BROAD INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT THE CCD'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE ELABORATION OF A CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY WOULD STRENGTHEN THE HEALTH OF THE COMMITTEE POLITICALLY, AND THAT THIS WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE, IN HIS VIEW, THE CCD WAS VERY MUCH WORTH PRESERVING. WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO MAKE THESE SAME POINTS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER WHEN HE NEXT SEES HIM

3. AMBASSADOR MARTIN SAID THAT HE WOULD RELAY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S COMMENTS TO WASHINGTON, BUT THAT AT PRESENT WE HERE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO ELABORATE ON THE REFERENCE TO A CW INITIATIVE CONTAINED IN THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. DALE

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